

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the claims, as amended above, is respectfully requested in view of the comments below.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 6, and 8-13 were previously withdrawn from consideration; claim 2 was canceled and claim 14 added by amendment filed March 4, 2004. Accordingly, claims 1, 5, 7 and 14 are presented for examination on the merits.

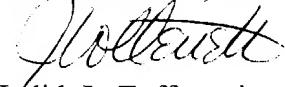
Claims 1 and 5 have been amended herein to define the claimed method as a method of **preventing hypertension**, as well as treating hypertension. Reference to prevention of hypertension was inadvertently deleted in the amendment and reply filed March 4, 2004, in which claim 2 was canceled. Support for this amendments is found, for example, in original claim 2. Also, claims 7 and 14 are amended herein to delete carprofen because it has recently come to Applicant's attention that carprofen was erroneously listed as an xanthine oxidase inhibitor.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application, with claims 1, 5, 7, and 14 is in condition for allowance, an early notification thereof being earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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